authorities have recently cleared the cases of 3498 Indian workers. The details of these cases were published in *Al Shabiba*, Arabic daily, on 09.06.2008.

(c) The two sides are in regular touch in the matter.

(d) Under the present scheme, till date 478 Indian nationals have been repatriated. Once the process is completed other cases will be dealt with similarly.

(e) In order to prevent the incidence of illegal immigration of Indian nationals, a number of pro-active measures have been taken which include:—

(1) Mandatory prior attestation of Service Agreements of semi-skilled and unskilled workers;

(2) Dissemination of information to educate the Indian workers in the Sultanate of Oman about their rights and duties;

(3) Introduction of Open House sessions on Mission premises on third Friday of every month to listen to the problems of Indian workers in an informal atmosphere;

(4) Introduction of free legal counseling sessions twice every week on Mission premises to advise and assist Indian workers on labour related matters.

List of most wanted persons

†1929. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the list of 'most wanted' persons has been submitted to a neighbouring country;

(b) whether it was discussed in the meetings held during last one-two months;

(c) whether it is a fact that this was one of the motives behind calling of ISI Chief; and

(d) the time when discussion was made on the subject with friend countries and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Since August 2004, lists of individuals wanted for terrorist acts in India have been handed over 10 times to the Government of Pakistan.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Since the terrorist attack on Mumbai, Government has received strong international support from numerous countries.

Calling of ISI Chief

†1930. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.